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1. The reply filed on October 15, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the response does not particularly set forth the patentable novelty of the claims with respect to the prior art. See 37 CFR 1.111, MPEP 714.02 and 37 CFR 1.119. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BethAnne Dayoan, can be reached at (703) 308-3865. The fax number for this group is (703) 305-3597/3598.

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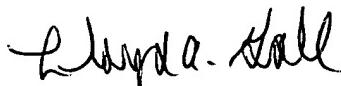
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